Deputy Minister

Category of Staff	No. of posts	Scale of pay (as revised w.e.f. 1.1.86)	Remarks
Private Secretary	1	(Rs. 3700—5000) (Rs. 4500—5700)	
First P.A.		(Rs. 2000—3500)	Included in Grade A & B (merged) of the CSSS.
Second P. A.		(Rs. 1640—2900)	Included in Grade C of the CSSS.
Clerk		(Rs. 950—1500)	Included in L. D. Grade of the CSCS.
Driver		(Rs. 950—1500)	
Jamadar		(Rs. 750—1025)	
Peon		(Rs. 750—940)	
Total:	7		

Science Education to School Children

1375. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/contemplated by the Ministry of Science and Technology to popularise science eudcation and scien tific attitude among school children; and

(b) what are the details of the achieve ment levels attained as yet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) A number of steps have been taken for popularisation of science and technology and nurturing scientific temper among people including school children. These include organising science festivals, science writing, quiz competition, drawing and painting competition, exhibitions, campaign for green environment, telescope making workshops, nature study camps, Annual Children Science Congress and NATIONAL science Day. The School Children are provided excess to low cost science learning aids and experiments demonstrating science behind miracles. Besides, a large number of competitions among school children and publications of "Emergence of Mod-ern Science" are also envisaged during the coming year.

(b) It has been possible to reach a large population of children through these programmes. Children's participation in the Annual National Children Science Congress has been of the order of 2.5—3.5 lakhs. Nearly 1.40 lakh school children registered as listeners for the 13 part radio serial "Vigyan Vidhi". Over 1 lakh students and 10,000 schools registered as listeners for the 144-part radio serial "Manav Ka Vikas". These serials were produced in 18 Indian languages and broadcast by all stations of All India Radio. A large number of children throughout the country participated in competitions organised as part of the

'Eclipse' 1995 project and TV quiz "Kudaratnama" telescope making workshops and other workshops on low cost learning aids. Origami and explaining science behind miracles. 25 popular science books have been translated in regional languages for children. Popular science magazines like Vigyan Pragati (in Hindi), Science Reporter (in-English) and Science Ki Duniya (in Urdu) are also being widely used by children. About 75 children have also received fellowships from the Department of Biotechnology for pursuing higher studies in Biology.

Deduction of Contingency Fund Etc. From MPLADS

1376. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA: Will the Minister of PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of implementing agencies/de partments of the State Governments in volved in the execution of the M.P. Local Areas Development Scheme, de duct upto 18% of sanctioned amount in each scheme as contingency fund or work-charge, etc. and

(b) if so, what is the percentage of such deduction, togetherwith the criteria and justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) (a) It is a fact that a number of implementing agencies/departments of State Governments in volved in the execution of MPLADS deduct varying percentages of sanc-thned estimates as centage charges/ work charges etc.

(b) The details of percentage deduction of each implementing agency/department of the different State Governments are not maintained by this Department.

आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान सकल घरेलु उत्पाद

1337. श्री राम जेठमलानी: क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान सकल घरेलू उत्पाद की दर का वार्षिक लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितना लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया था और उत्पादन की वास्तविक औसत वार्षिक दर क्या रही;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने वास्तविक सकल घरेलू उत्पाद की दर में कृषि क्षेत्र, औद्योगिक क्षेत्र तथा सेवा क्षेत्र से हुए उत्पादन के योगदान की प्रतिशतता का भी आकलन किया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान इन क्षेत्रों में वार्षिक उत्पादन की औसत दर क्या-क्या रही है?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र के अलघ): (क) आठवीं योजना के दौरान सरकार ने सकल घरेलु उत्पाद हेतु वृद्धि लक्ष्य 5.6 प्रतिशत प्रतिवर्ष निश्चित किया था।

(ख) से (घ) सूचना विवरण में दी गयी है।